the process of analysis in the USSR and in India. Results of the analysis are expected to yield information about the country's natural resources including its petroleum potential.

Indian Trade Fair in Moscow

*228. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Fair Authority of India is organising an Indian Trade Fair in Moscow from August 15, 1984 for a month;

(b) if so, the names of the companies and also the States which are participating in the Fair; and

(c) what is Government's expectation of the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 410 companies from public and private sectors, including the Export Corporations of Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh are participating.

A statement showing the names of the participants is laid on the Table of the House (*See* Appendix CXXXI, Annexure-No. 34].

(c) The exhibition is expected to result in expanding and diversifying India's trade with USSR.

Japanese loan for thermal power plants in India

*229. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Japan has made an offer to step up loan for thermal power plants in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government of Japan have been traditionally extending finacial assistance to India for infrastructure projects in sectors such as fertilizers, telecommunications, power (both hydel and thermal), rail transport etc. The Government of Japan have so far extended financial assistance for the following thermal power projects:—

(1)	Chandrapur Thermal Power Project of the Electricity Board.	Assam State Yen 1·420 Billion (equivalent to Rs. 5·2 crores approximately).
(2)	Anpara Thermal Power Project of the Pradesh State Electricity Board.	Uttar Yen 24·1 Billion (equivalent to Rs. 88·2 crores approxmately).

2. While the loan agreement for Chandrapur Thermal Power Project has already been signed in 1981, the loan agreement for Anpara 'B' Thermal Power Project is under negotiation.

3. Loan assistance in respect of both projects will be repayable over a period of 30 years including a grace period of 10 years from the date of signing of the loan agreement. The loan carries an interest rate of 2.75 per cent per annum, according to the Inter-Governmental agreements on these projects.

Increase per capita emoluments of public sector employees

*230. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
SHRI NARENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while the per capita emoluments of public sector employees has risen by 196 per cent between 1971-72 and 1981-82, the price index had gone up only by 140 per cent: